

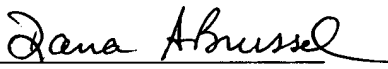
**REMARKS**

New claims have been added and it is respectfully submitted that these additional claims do not introduce new subject matter, are fully supported by the application and are patentable over the prior art. Prompt and favorable consideration of these claims is earnestly sought.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the application, namely claims 1-17, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, he is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at (631) 501-5713.

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